

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by [your name, call sign and QTH]

The South African Radio League broadcasts a news bulletin each Sunday in Afrikaans and English at 08:15 and 08:30 Central African Time respectively on HF and various VHF and UHF repeaters around the country. The bulletin is relayed on Echolink by Johan, ZS6JPL. The audio and text bulletins can be downloaded from the League website at www.sarl.org.za. To join the bulletin mailing list, send an email to the SARL Secretary.

In the news today:

THE SARL QSL BUREAU

and

THE CQ WW DX CW CONTEST NEXT WEEKEND

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

We start the bulletin this morning with news of a silent key.

It is with deep regret that we announce the key of Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT went silent on Friday 20 November 2020. Pieter was an honorary member of the East Rand Radio Club Pieter was well known for his many competition awards and excellent radio technique. Over the years, Pieter as an ambassador for amateur radio had made thousands of contacts worldwide.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Rietha, daughters Louise and Vanessa, family and friends.

PAUSE

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THE SARL QSL BUREAU

Willem, ZS6X told SARL News that the SARL QSL Bureau is operational. He goes to the NARC each Saturday to work in the bureau. Willem further says that some Member Societies from around the world have notified the Bureau they are closed because of the pandemic. And we are aware of the almost non-existent service of the SA Post Office in delivering mail.

Then Willem has received an enquiry from a Russian radio amateur about a QSO he had with ZS7ANT in the 1993/1994 operation from SANAE. The QSL manager was listed as ZS5UND. Can anybody provide Willem with information about who manages the QSLs for ZS7ANT? He can be contacted on zs6wwj@gmail.com.

MOTION AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Members are invited to submit motions for discussion at the 2021 AGM, to nominate their fellow radio amateurs for SARL Awards and Trophies, and to nominate at least five radio amateurs to serve on Council for the next two years. The relevant documents are available on the League website - please follow the link from the front page.

We also invite members to submit proposals for Papers for the 2021 SARL Symposium on 16th April 2021. Send your proposals to secretary@sarl.org.za. The closing date for all motions and nominations is Sunday 31st January 2021

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THE CQ WW DX CW CONTEST NEXT WEEKEND

The CQ WW DX CW Contest runs from 00:00 UTC on Saturday 28 November to 23:59 UTC on Sunday 29 November 2020 with CW activity on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. The exchange is an RST report and your CQ Zone, for South Africa it is Zone 38. Here is an opportunity for you to work the world, but please note that CQ Magazine cannot be held responsible for the propagation conditions. Find the rules at <https://www.cqww.com/>.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There is a single sunspot region with a simple magnetic configuration visible. No solar flaring is expected. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around two. The 15 to 30 m bands will, especially during the late afternoons, provide some good DX fun. For more information please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events (please check with the organisers if the event is still on the calendar):

28th November – The West Rand Flea Market and the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre end of year function

28th and 29th November – The CQ WW DX CW Contest

1st December – The start of the YOTA Month

5th December – The December RAE, the Boland ARC meeting and the SARL 95 40 m Club Sprint

12th and 13th December – The ARRL 10 m Contest

19th December - The SARL Newbie Party

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning, compiled from news items received from SARL Members and Clubs.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to include in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio program, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The program can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz. We welcome your signal reports, comments and suggestions; please send these by email to artoday@sarl.org.za.

You have listened to a news bulletin compiled by Dennis Green, ZS4BS, edited by Herman Erasmus, ZS6CTA and read by

From the news team, best wishes for the week ahead.